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Shellie Chard-McClary, Director
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Dear Ms. Chard-McClary:

I am writing in response to the letter dated February 11, 2015, in which Oklahoma requested an extension for submitting your drinking water primacy program revision application under the Safe Drinking Water Act for the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR), which was published in the *Federal Register* February 13, 2013.

Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Section 142.12 (b), requires that State requests for the approval of program revisions to adopt revised Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations must be submitted to the EPA Administrator no later than two years after promulgation of such regulations. This paragraph also allows for up to a two-year extension to submit the primacy program revisions, provided the request is made before the expiration of the two-year period. The Administrator has delegated the approval of extension requests to the Regional Administrator.

Pursuant to 142.12 (b) (2) (i) (a), you are requesting an extension because the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) currently lacks the adequate capability to implement the new RTCR requirements. In the request, you stated that ODEQ plans to submit a primacy revision application to EPA by April 1, 2015. Please recognize that a complete and final primacy revision application includes publication in the *Oklahoma Register* before submittal and includes a statement from the Attorney General that all newly adopted regulations were duly adopted and are enforceable (§142.12 (c) (iii)).

You also noted that ODEQ will comply with the provisions of 40 CFR 142.12 (b) (3), as required, if the extension is granted, and you listed six activities that ODEQ will perform during the extension period. I grant your request for a 45-day extension with the understanding that the six activities listed include working with EPA on a partnership to obtain full primacy. This 45-day extension has a deadline of April 2, 2015.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, you may contact Andy Waite, the Region 6 RTCR Manager, at (214) 665-7332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.K. Honker", written over the printed name.

William K. Honker, P.E.

Director

Water Quality Protection Division

cc: Michele Welsh, Public Water Supply Manager, ODEQ